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### CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY

Approximately 5,488,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during January at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market.

This represents a slight decrease of 426,000 pounds under the total of 5,914,000 pounds for December 1940, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

During January, 77 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 24 States, Alaska, and seven Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 3,381,000 pounds were fresh-water fish; 1,110,000 pounds salt-water fish; and 997,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,278,000 pounds of the total January receipts; 2,210,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from Manitoba, which sent in 1,338,000 pounds, mostly fresh and frozen sauger. Next largest import--429,000 pounds--came from British Columbia, mostly halibut; of this total, 384,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Most abundant fresh-water species received at the Chicago Market during January were fresh and frozen sauger (865,000 pounds); fresh and frozen whitefish (416,000 pounds); lake trout (407,000 pounds); yellow perch (354,000 pounds); and lake herring (309,000 pounds).

Predominate salt-water species were frozen halibut (435,000 pounds); and frozen rosefish fillets (227,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish sent to this market included 625,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 157,000 pounds of shucked oysters; 87,000 pounds of shell oysters; and 51,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails.

Louisiana (541,000 pounds); Massachusetts (478,000 pounds); Wisconsin (461,000 pounds); Michigan (436,000 pounds); and Illinois (368,000 pounds), were the leading States supplying the Chicago Market with fishery products.

A total of 2,760,000 pounds of fishery products came into Chicago by freight; 1,927,000 pounds by truck; and the remainder, 801,000 pounds, by express.

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